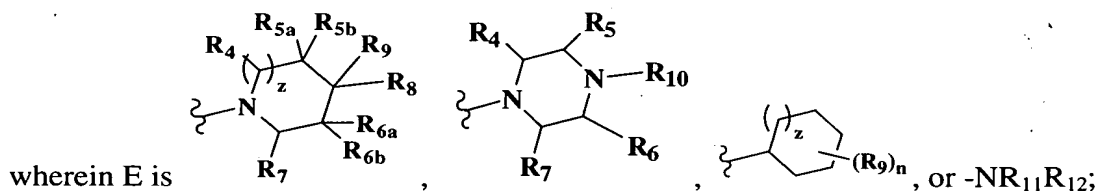
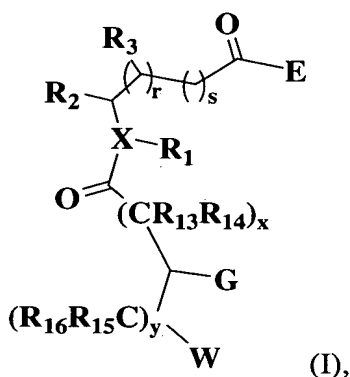


ABSTRACT**COMPOUNDS USEFUL AS MODULATORS OF MELANOCORTIN RECEPTORS AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING SAME**

Compounds having the formula (I),



G is a novel side chain selected from C₂₋₆alkenyl, A₃-aryl, -OR₁₈, heteroaryl, A₁-cyano, A₂-OR₁₇, A₁-C(=O)R₁₈, A₁-CO₂R₁₈, A₁-C(=O)NR₁₈R₁₉, A₁-OC(=O)R₁₈, A₁-NR₁₈C(=O)R₁₉, A₁-OC(=O)NR₁₈R₁₉, A₁-NR₁₈CO₂R₁₉, A₁-NR₁₈SO₂R₁₇,

A₁-SO₂R₁₇, A₁-NR₂₀C(=O)NR₁₈R₁₉, and A₁-SR₁₈; or when y is 0 or when W is not NHR₂₂, G may be A₁-heterocyclo, wherein A₁ is a bond, C₁₋₆alkylene or C₂alkenylene, A₂ is C₁₋₆alkylene or C₂₋₆alkenylene, and A₃ is C₂₋₆alkenylene; W is selected from -NR₂₁R₂₂, -OR₂₃, -NR₂₁C(=O)R₂₄, -NR₂₁CO₂R₂₄, amidino, guanidino, or a heteroaryl, heterocyclo or C₃₋₇cycloalkyl as defined in the specification, and X and R₁ through R₂₄ are as defined in the specification, are effective as modulators of melanocortin-receptors, particularly MC-1R and MC-4R.